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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 45,47-50,52,54-68 and 94-98.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on ____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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IDS Statements

The translations of the foreign patents listed on the IDS of 2/18/04 and 5/10/04 have been considered, however, the listed patents have already been initialed on previous 1449's and so will not be initialed again so as to be listed on the front of the patent. The previous office actions mentioned on the cover letter of the IDS of 2/18/04 have also been considered.

Correction of Inventorship

In view of the papers filed 5/18/04, the inventorship in this nonprovisional application has been changed by the deletion of Kay Herbert.

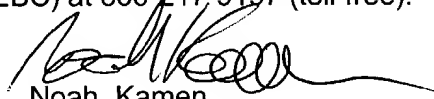
The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of the file jacket and PTO PALM data to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Noah Kamen whose telephone number is 703 308 1945. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on 703-308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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